

CHARLES JOHN EDWIN AND  
JULIA SYLVER MORSE  
ANDERSON



C. J. Edwin Anderson was born February 6, 1893, at Buysville, son of John P. and Eva Sophia Wahlquist Anderson. He married Julia Sylver Morse of Park City on March 14, 1915. She was born at Combination, near Phillipsburg, Mont., on September 10, 1893, the oldest child of George W. and Christina Peterson Morse. Edwin died July 22, 1929.

His sisters, Marie, 14, and Ester, 12, were delighted with their brother and were a great help in caring for him. He was two years old when John built his new brick home.

As he grew older he joined the others in working on the farm and became very adept at all types of work required. His mother said that when Edwin was 12, his father was very ill for a long time, so Edwin took over the management of the farm, doing so well his father let him have charge after that. John was never again very robust. Together John and Edwin built up a fine herd of range cattle and also some dairy cows. Edwin worked a lot on the canals and was a member of one of the canal company boards when the Daniel Creek, Strawberry and Willow Creek Canal companies were consolidated into the Daniel Irrigation Co. He also did much range riding and was an officer in the Heber Horse and Cattle Assn.

When he married Julia, she was teaching school at Daniel. She is the daughter of George W. and Christina Peterson Morse and was born at Combination, Mont., near Phillipsburg. Her father was born at Bradley, Maine, on October 20, 1863, where his father, John W. Morse, was in the sawmill business. When George was 17, he said, his father came to Montana in 1880, after his mother's death, and settled at Philipsburg, where the father established a feed and lumber business. Julia's mother was born at Eldberga, Halland, Sweden, and she came to America when she was 17, staying in Montana, where a sister lived. George and Christina met and were married at Granite, Mont., a famous silver mining camp. After the "silver crash," Julia came to Bingham with her parents and a sister in 1896, and they lived at Highland Boy, where her father worked in the cyanide mills for extracting gold at Highland Boy. They moved to Park City in 1901, where her father helped build the Silver King tramway and for years cared for it, repairing cables for the tramway and mine cages.

Edwin and Julia continued farming and lived with Edwin's mother, widowed December 31, 1913. In August, 1918, Edwin suffered a severe case of measles. That winter he developed arthritis, during which he became very crippled. The disease became worse until his death, July 22, 1929. Julia had been doing most of the farm work. After his death she continued with the work, caring for the cattle and a small

flock of sheep they had bought. Neighbors helped with the branding chores. Range riders would bring her stock home until her boys could help, too, and finally take the work over. She handled the irrigation of the farm with the help of her boys. As they grew older and during World War II, when her two oldest sons were in the service and only John was at home to help with the farm, they had added acreage, too.

In the spring of 1926 she was appointed secretary-treasurer of the Daniel Irrigation Co. and was still acting in this capacity in 1963. For a few years she made the water tickets. For many years she taught literary and social science lessons in Relief Society and was social science leader on the stake board under Violet Olpin. She taught the Trail Builders in Primary and also taught in the YWMIA and 4-H classes in sewing under Russell Keetch, county agent.

Their children are:

Lyle Bernice, born May 23, 1916.

Morse Edwin, born May 18, 1918.

Georgia Lucile, born May 12, 1920.

George Ellsworth, born October 13, 1923.

John Melville, born April 24, 1928.